



AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Tom Yates
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Beltway Region
Comcast Cable
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Baltimore, MD 21236

Dear Mr. Yates:

Sugarland Road Pilot Broadband Project

On behalf of the Montgomery County Agricultural Advisory Committee-AAC, we are inquiring on the status of the Sugarland Road Pilot Broadband project that we have been working on with you and Comcast for over two years.

The AAC has actively participated in every meeting on this project. We have helped to reach many of the rural residents that signed the letters of interest that Comcast used to make the business decision to build the infrastructure necessary for the project to be a successful model. If this project is a success, it our hope the pilot project can be transferable to other rural areas in the County to increase the capacity of high speed broadband for more rural residents and rural business owners.

In today's world of new and advanced technology it has become evident that high speed broadband-internet service is not a luxury it is a necessity. The AAC is greatly concerned this project may not move forward and we want to make sure this outcome is avoided at all costs. Please let us know what we can do to further help you and Comcast to address the issues that have stalled the progress on the pilot.

The AAC would appreciate an update from Comcast on this important pilot project so we can do whatever we can to help you move forward. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

David Weitzer, Chairman

Cc: Isiah Leggett, County Executive



Roger Berliner, President of Montgomery County Council